Supply of Kerosene Oil, Petrol and Diesel to the Districts of Orissa from Haldia and Vizag Refineries

1223. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Districts in Orissa which are supplied kerosene oil, petrol and diesel from Haldia and Vizag refineries;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supply from Haldia is often disrupted due to labour problem for which acute shortage of kerosene oil is being experienced; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remove this difficulty and restore the normal supply of kerosene oil?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) All districts in Orissa are supplied kerosene oil, petrol and diesel from Haldia and Vizag refineries. Supplies to the Districts are routed through 5 oil company depots, which the exception of Koraput District which is partly supplied directly from Vizag refinery. Three oil company depots receive supplies ex-Vizag while two depots receive supplies ex-Haldia.

(b) There are no Industrial relations problems at Haldia which result in frequent disruption of supplies of kerosene from Haldia.

(c) Does not arise.

Inadequate supply of Cooking Gas in Orissa

1224. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the requirement of cooking gas in Orissa is usually not met and there remains a backlog due to inadequate supply out of allotted quota;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the demand and supply of cooking gas in Orissa during the year 1989-90; and

(d) whether the backlog would be cleared out during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) While supplies of LPG in Orissa had been generally normal, backlogs did developed in May and July, 1990 due to the overall shortfall in the availability of bulk LPG on account of the production at the Vishakhapatnam Refinery being adversely affected by the severe cyclone and power failure and the late receipt LPG imports at Vishakhapatnam.

(c) Against an estimated LPG demand of 15.063 MT in Orissa about 16,136 MT was supplied during 1989-90.

(d) with the improvement in the availability of bulk LPG, the backlog is expected to be brought down in August, 1990.

Scheme for Establishing Quota for Petroleum Products for State

1225. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for fixing quotas for petroleum products for States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWA-

MY): (a) Except for kerosene, Paraffin wax and Bitumen, no quotas are fixed for allocation of other petroleum products to the States/UTs.

(b) Kerosene is allocated on the basis of sales in the previous year. The allocation of kerosene is made in three blocks of four months each, allowing a suitable growth rate over the allocation made for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Packed Bitumen allocations are made on the basis of demand from States/UTs, availability of the product and the annual target fixed for use of bitumen in bulk. The use of bulk bitumen is being encouraged by meeting the full demand of the State Central and UT Govts., irrespective of their annual allocation.

Paraffin wax is allocated on the basis of availability and previous year's allocation. Allocation is done on a quarterly basis.

Plans to handover Industrial Growth Centres to private sector

1226. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to handover the Industrial Growth Centres to the private sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the said plan?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in AIDS cases

1227. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of the increase in AIDS cases in the country;

(b) how many cases were detected in different States during the last one year who were full blown patients; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to check such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes.

(b) 19 full blown AIDS cases had been detected in different States from 1-7-89 to 30-06-90.

(c) To prevent the spread of AIDS in the country, National AIDS Control Programme is being implemented which has three major components viz. Surveillance Health and Community Education and ensuring safety of blood and blood products.

Surveillance

41 surveillance centres have been established in different parts of the country with specific objective of screening persons belonging to high risk groups i.e. Prostitutes, Hetero-sexually promiacuous males, S.T.G. patients, blood donors, inmates of remand homes and foreigners. In addition 28 zonal blood testing centres linked with blood banks have been established in the four metropolitan cities for ensuring safety of blood.

Health and Community Education

Health education activities have been intensified to increase awareness among general public, youths and also students of schools and colleges.